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ROAD DEVELOPMENT
CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
1964 - JULY 1967

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE CONTINUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA FROM 1964 TO MID-1967. ROADS IN THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER AREA ARE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP GEOGRAPHICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND ECONOMICALLY. ALL ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE HIGHLIGHTED.

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NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED IN CHINA APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATED PRINCIPALLY IN THE PING-HSIANG/NING-MING AREAS. A NEW ROAD HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED CONNECTING LUNG-SHAN (2225N 10721E) AND CHUNG-SHAN (2225N 10721E). A ROAD IN AN EARLY-TO MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IS NEWLY OBSERVED EXTENDING FROM PING-HSIANG NORTHWEST TO 2214N 10643E WHERE IT BIFURCATES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATES NEAR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER (ONE BRANCH AT 2215N 10642E AND THE OTHER AT 2216N 10643E). ONLY FIVE NM SEPARATE THESE TERMINAL POINTS FROM THE TERMINUS OF A ROAD CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 4 IN NORTH VIETNAM.

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THIS ROAD RUNS FROM ROUTE 4 AT BAN NAM NU (2213N 10631E) EAST TO PO GIANH (2210N 10636E) AND THEN NORTH TO ITS PRESENT TERMINUS AT 2215N 10637E. WHEN THESE TWO ROAD SEGMENTS ARE CONNECTED THEY WILL PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT ROUTE BETWEEN PING-HSIANG, CHINA AND CAO BANG, NORTH VIETNAM. A NEW ROAD, IN AN EARLY TO MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, IS INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED FROM SSU-LO, CHINA (2206N 10726E) SOUTHWEST TO ITS PRESENT TERMINUS AT 2145N 10712E (ONE NM FROM THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AND ONLY THREE NM FROM THE PRESENT TERMINUS OF A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING FROM THE HAI PHONG - HON GAI AREA).

IN THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER AREA A NEW ROAD, IN THE MID-STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AND GENERALLY PARALLELING THE BORDER, IS TO CONNECT THE MENG-LA/SSU-MAO ROAD (2152N 10122E) TO THE CHIANG-CHENG/SSU-MAO ROAD (2234N 10139E).

SEVERAL AREAS OF MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION ARE OBSERVED IN NORTH VIETNAM. CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING ON ROUTE 191 BETWEEN LAI CHAU (2204N 10309E) AND DIEN BIEN PHU (2123N 10301E) AND ON ROUTES 4, 132, AND 134.

NO SIGNIFICANT ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED IN LAOS NEAR THE CHINA BORDER; HOWEVER, ROUTE 19 IS BEING EXTENDED SOUTHWEST FROM DIEN BIEN PHU, NORTH VIETNAM TOWARD THE NAM OU (RIVER) IN LAOS.

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